

Costa's hummingbird (FSC), American bittern (FSC), western yellow-billed cuckoo (FC, CE), Sonoran yellow warbler (CSC), snowy egret (FSC), yellow breasted chat (CSC), western least bittern (FSC), loggerhead shrike (FSC, CSC), long-billed curlew (FSC, CSC), summer tanager (CSC), white-faced ibis (FSC, CSC), Bendire's thrasher (FSC), Crissal thrasher (FSC, CSC), pallid bat (CSC, BLMS), pale Townsend's big-eared bat (FSC), Pacific western big-eared bat (FSC), spotted bat (FSC, CSC, BLMS), greater western mastiff bat (FSC, CSC, BLMS), California leaf-nosed bat (CSC, BLMS), small-footed myotis (FSC, BLMS) southern grasshopper mouse (FSC, CSC), Tulare grasshopper mouse (FSC, CSC), and Colorado River cotton rat (CSC).

Special-status plant species potentially affected by this alternative include: crucifixion thorn (CNPS2), Alvord's beehive cactus (CSC, CNPS4), Mojave monkeyflower (FSC, BLMS, CNPS1B), white-margined beardstongue (FSC, CNPS1B), Parish's phacelia (FSC, BLMS, CNPS1B), and Orocopia sage (CNPS1B).

### **Ehrenberg to Cadiz Alternative**

The Ehrenberg to Cadiz Alternative would construct only the portion of Line 1903 from MP 215.75 to MP 303.5. Under this alternative, there would be no construction in the San Joaquin Valley or the Tehachapi Mountains. Consequently, no impacts on the special-status species in those physiographic provinces would result. In particular, this alternative would avoid the Class I impact to the blunt-nosed leopard lizard (BIO-4). Impacts described for the proposed Project to vegetation and species found in the Mojave and Sonoran Deserts would be the same under the Ehrenberg to Cadiz Alternative.

Affected vegetation acreages would total ~~132.03~~~~176.33~~ acres. This total includes ~~91.99~~~~131.46~~ acres that would be temporarily disturbed, ~~1.44~~~~5.85~~ acres permanently lost to aboveground facilities, ~~and 38.60~~~~39.02~~ acres of permanently maintained ROW, and 4.59 acres of an evaporation pond located within a fenced facility to be removed in less than one year. Of the fourteen vegetation types and sub-types found along the proposed Project route, nine are found along the Ehrenberg to Cadiz Alternative.

The special status species potentially impacted by the proposed Project include seventy-eight taxa: one invertebrate, two fish, one amphibian, seven reptiles, thirty-two birds, nineteen mammals, and sixteen plants. Of these, twelve are federally-listed (and possibly also State-listed), seven are state-listed but not federally-listed, and fifty-nine are in other special-status categories. Of the special-status species potentially affected